

# **Minority Business Enterprise Commission**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**April 19, 2006**

**A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Wednesday, April 19, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Stephanie Morris, Mauriana Akinfolarin, Denise Correy, and Louise Anderson. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the Committee.**

**The Minutes of the March 15, 2006 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) A.D.W. Inc. d/b/a Advanced Distribution & Warehousing M/W/DBE RI**
- b) All State Traffic Control, LLC WBE/DBE CT**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency upon non-minority individual(s) and affiliation with non-minority firm(s). Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) S W Equipment Company, Inc. MBE/DBE NJ**
- b) Ivan Walks & Associates, LLC MBE/DBE DC**
- c) Manna Supply, Inc. M/W/DBE PA**
- d) Maverick Constructors, LLC MBE/DBE FL**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program as well as the DBE program as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Hearings:**

**United International Corporation – This hearing was carried forward from a previous CRC meeting. The applicant was previously notified by the MBE Compliance Office that it appeared that they had**

**exceeded the economic disadvantage criteria pursuant to 13 CFR 124 and 49 CFR 26. Based upon testimony from the applicant at the February 15, 2006 hearing, as well as subsequent materials submitted, including but not necessarily limited to property appraisals, property tax assessments, and notification from the applicant's home state certifying agency, CT DOT, that the applicant indicated that they were not economically disadvantaged, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify the applicant that they had graduated from the program due to the applicant's inability to meet economic disadvantage criteria. Motion carried unanimously.**

**E.L. Waterman, Inc. – A hearing had been originally scheduled for April 19, 2006 regarding issues of the appearance of the applicant acting as a pass-through and subverting the intent of the MBE program. Per the request of the applicant and their legal counsel, this hearing has been postponed until Wednesday, May 17, 2006.**

#### **Old/New Business:**

**Roy D. McQueen & Associates, Ltd. – This applicant was carried forward from a previous CRC meeting. A hearing was conducted for this applicant on March 15, 2006, at which time a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. The vote was tied with 2 members in favor of denial and 2 members against denial. The matter was tabled, pending advice from legal counsel. Based upon said legal advice, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify the**

**applicant that the CRC would attempt to reconvene and reconsider their application. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A discussion ensued regarding the format for future hearings before the CRC. After some discussion, a determination was reached that, for all future hearings before the CRC, the Committee shall go into Executive Session during the deliberation and discussion stages of said hearings.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.**